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[Report No. 106-208]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 1999

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 2, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Park System
3 New Area Study Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that pursuant to
6 Public Law 105–391, the Administration has submitted
7 a list of areas recommended for study for potential inclu-
8 sion in the National Park System in fiscal year 2000.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to direct
10 the Secretary of the Interior to direct special resource
11 studies to determine the national significance of the sites,
12 and/or areas, listed in section 5 of this Act to determine
13 the national significance of each site, and/or area, as well
14 as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units
15 of the National Park System.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior acting through the Di-
20 rector of the National Park Service.

21 **SEC. 4. STUDIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
23 date on which funds are made available for the purpose
24 of this Act, the Secretary, shall submit to the Committee
25 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
26 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives

1 individual resource studies of the sites, and/or areas, listed
 2 in section 5 of this Act.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
 4 shall—

5 (1) identify the location and the suitability and
 6 feasibility of designating the sites, and/or areas, as
 7 units of the National Park System; and

8 (2) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-
 9 quisition, development, operation and maintenance,
 10 and identification of alternatives for the manage-
 11 ment, administration, and protection of the area.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDIES.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall submit to the
 14 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
 15 and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representa-
 16 tives a report on the findings, conclusions, and rec-
 17 ommendations of each study under section 5 within three
 18 fiscal years following the date on which funds are first made
 19 available for each study.

20 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the studies authorized
 21 by this Act, the Secretary shall use the criteria for the study
 22 of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park Sys-
 23 tem in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91–383,
 24 as amended by section 303 of the National Park System
 25 New Area Study Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

1 **SEC. 5. SITES AND/OR AREAS.**

2 (a) The areas recommended for study for potential
3 inclusion in the National Park System include the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (1) Bioluminescent Bay, Mosquito Lagoon,
6 Puerto Rico;

7 (2) Brandywine and Paoli Battlefields, Pennsyl-
8 vania;

9 (3) Civil Rights Trail, Nationwide;

10 (4) Gaviota Coast Seashore, California;

11 (5) Kate Mullaney House, New York;

12 (6) Low Country Gullah Culture, South Caro-
13 lina, Georgia and Florida;

14 (7) Nan Madol, Northern Marianas;

15 (8) Walden Pond and Woods, in Concord and
16 Lincoln, Massachusetts; and

17 (9) World War II sites on Palau and Saipan.

18 **SEC. 5. STUDY AREAS.**

19 *The Secretary shall conduct studies of the following:*

20 (1) Bioluminescent Bay, Puerto Rico;

21 (2) Civil Rights Sites, multi-state;

22 (3) Gaviota Coast Seashore, California;

23 (4) Kate Mullaney House, New York;

24 (5) Low Country Gullah Culture, multi-state;

25 (6) Walden Pond and Woods, Massachusetts;

1 (7) *World War II Sites, Commonwealth of the*
2 *Northern Marianas;*

3 (8) *Loess Hills, Iowa;*

4 (9) *Anderson Cottage, District of Columbia;*

5 (10) *Fort Hunter Liggett, California;*

6 (11) *upon the request of the Government of the*
7 *Republic of Palau, World War II Sites, Palau; and*

8 (12) *upon the request of the Government of the*
9 *Federated States of Micronesia, Nan Madol in the*
10 *State of Ponape.*

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
13 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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